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Say Soviet violated arms pact

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Washington (News Bureau)—The United States is considering publicly accusing the Soviet Union of violating SALT-2 by having tested a second, new intercontinental missile, a top Reagan administration official said yesterday.

Richard Burt, assistant secretary of state for European affairs, said, "we do have concerns" that the Soviets are guilty of a series of arms control violations. "We (the U.S. and the Soviets) have agreed to abide by the SALT-2 treaty...to create an atmosphere of restraint in which we could negotiate further reductions."

Burt said, however, that President Reagan has made no decision whether to present the charges publicly or to declare that the U.S. no longer feels bound to observe the treaty if the Soviets do not feel bound.

The President's action will depend on the outcome of two months of technical analysis of intelligence data on a Soviet missile test Feb. 8 and policy deliberations within the National Security Council.

IN THE PAST, the U.S. questioned the Soviets through diplomatic channels about its missile tests and deployments, but it never made a formal accusation that Moscow violated SALT-2. The pact was signed by President Jimmy Carter and the late Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev but never ratified by the U.S. Senate.

The treaty lets each side test and deploy one new intercontinental missile. The Soviets tested a missile last November and informed the U.S., in accord with the treaty. On Feb. 8 they tested another missile, which the U.S. intelligence community said was a second, new missile.